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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, from $1,333.2 million in April to $1,453.5 million in May[1] reflected higher levels of imports from the following areas: Latin American Republics, from $264.4 to $307.8 million; Western Europe, from $368.6 to $410.2 million; Canada, from $292.6 to $325.7 million; and "all other countries," from $407.5 to $409.8 million.

From April to May, imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe rose from $358.3 to $401.3 million, while those from sterling area countries decreased slightly from $259.2 to $256.0 million. Increases were reported in imports from all continents except Africa and Australia and Oceania.

The increase in imports from North America from $416.4 to $467.6 million was primarily due to increases in imports from Canada, from $292.6 to $325.7 million; and the Dominican Republic, from $5.1 to $23.3 million. Imports from Europe rose from $376.9 to $416.3 million reflecting in part increases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: United Kingdom, from $82.4 to $93.7 million; Turkey, from $4.4 to $14.4 million; France, from $33.2 to $38.1 million; Italy, from $33.0 to $37.5 million; Switzerland, from $18.1 to $22.2 million; West Germany, from $76.9 to $80.7 million; and Netherlands, from $15.7 to $18.8 million. Imports from South America increased from $182.3 to $207.2 million owing chiefly to increases in imports from Chile, from $11.4 to $27.7 million; Colombia, from $18.3 to $24.4 million; and Brazil, from $39.0 to $42.0 million. The increase in imports from Asia from $241.9 to $265.9 million was mainly due to increases in imports from Republic of the Philippines, from $27.1 to $37.4 million; Japan, from $106.2 to $113.7 million; Federation of Malaya, from $14.5 to $19.8 million; and Iran, from $5.5 to $8.8 million. However, imports from India fell from $26.9 to $22.0 million.

Imports from Africa fell from $85.8 in April to $67.8 million in May as small, scattered decreases occurred in imports from many of the individual countries of this continent. The more notable of these decreases were as follows: Ghana, from $10.5 to $5.9 million; Republic of South Africa, from $27.0 to $22.7 million; United Arab Republic (Egypt), from $5.8 to $2.6 million; Malagasy Republic, from $2.9 to $0.8 million; and British East Africa and Tanganyika from $6.5 to $4.7 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania declined from $29.2 to $27.2 million.

[1] On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,385.0 million in May as compared to $1,374.2 million in April. (See the May 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistica inclnde merchandise imported hy government agencies as well as by private importers, hnt exclnde American goods returned hy the United States armed forces for their own nae. United States trade with Pnerto Rico and United States poasesaiona is not inclnded in thia report hut the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign conntriea ia inclnded as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit throngh the United States hetween foreign countries ia not inclnded in import atatistics. However, the statiatics may include some merchandise (principally dnty free) which is entered throngh United Statea Customs and subaeqnently exported in the aame condition in which imported. In many cases, snch merchandise differs from in transit merchandiae only in the manner in which it ia docnmented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the conntry which should be reported in the statistics as the conntry of origin ia defined as the conntry where the merchandiae was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actnally ahown in the statistics may in a number of casea represent aome other country, such as the conntry of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lota of varions origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that importa from auch merchanting or tranahipment conntries are likely to be overstated and imports from other conntriea correapondingly nnderstated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import dutiea. None of the values have heen adjnsted for changea in price level.

RELIABILITY: The atatiatics presented in this report are hased partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued nnder $100 and all informal entriea valned under $250), and therefore are aubject to aampling variation that may cauae them to differ aomewhat from the reaults which would have heen ohtained from proceaaing all import entriea. The probahle variahility due to aampling ia either lesa than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of aampling variation, and the difficultiea described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import atatistics are aubject to aome error from auch sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling procesa and errors in reporting or proceasing. Although the effect of auch errors on the rounded totals in this report ia prohahly small, the possihility of inaccuracy should he taken into account, particularly in using figurea of relatively amall magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procednres and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, aee foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MAY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include all revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, and the special corrections announced in the January 1962 issue of this report, but do not include other revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total trade	1,453.5	1,333.2	1,222.9	1,227.1
Western Europe	410.2	368.6	332.7	338.9
Canada	325.7	292.6	280.3	272.6
Latin American Republics	307.8	264.4	264.0	267.9
All other countries	409.8	407.5	345.9	347.7
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	401.3	358.3	323.7	331.7
Sterling area countries	256.0	259.2	218.5	215.0
North America	467.6	416.4	409.0	386.6
Greenland	0.3	(*)	0.1	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	325.7	292.6	280.3	272.6
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
Mexico[a]	59.1	61.2	52.2	44.9
Guatemala[a]	2.8	3.5	4.7	5.3
British Honduras[b]	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
El Salvador[a]	5.0	3.5	3.4	3.0
Honduras[a]	3.5	3.8	3.9	2.7
Nicaragua[a]	4.2	2.1	2.2	2.1
Costa Rica[a]	2.5	3.0	3.6	3.3
Republic of Panama[a]	1.9	2.0	2.8	1.9
Canal Zone	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.3
Bermuda[b]	(*)	0.2	0.2	0.1
Bahamas[b]	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.9
Cuba[a]	0.2	(*)	2.1	2.9
Jamaica[b]	9.6	6.1	8.2	6.1
Haiti[a]	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.6
Dominican Republic[a]	23.3	5.1	9.0	7.5
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Barbados[b]	0.5	(*)	0.3	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	5.8	8.3	9.7	7.3
Netherlands Antilles	18.9	21.7	23.5	22.9
French West Indies	0.4	(*)	0.2	0.7
South America	207.2	182.3	182.0	196.7
Colombia[a]	24.4	18.3	22.4	23.0
Venezuela[a]	79.1	79.6	73.3	74.9
British Guiana[b]	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6
Surinam	2.9	2.8	2.2	2.5
French Guiana	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ecuador[a]	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.5
Peru[a]	14.6	12.7	8.6	16.2
Bolivia[a]	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
Chile[a]	27.7	11.4	13.5	15.4
Brazil[a]	42.0	39.0	42.0	46.8
Paraguay[a]	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
Uruguay[a]	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.9
Argentina[a]	8.0	10.2	10.6	8.5
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	416.3	376.9	338.6	345.8
Iceland[b,c,d]	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.0
Sweden[c,d]	14.4	13.8	12.2	11.7
Norway[c,d]	10.5	12.3	6.3	6.3
Denmark[c,d]	11.4	10.5	6.1	9.1

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MAY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	93.7	82.4	72.3	75.1
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	2.2	2.7	1.1	2.6
Netherlands[c,d]	18.8	15.7	14.8	17.3
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	36.0	35.3	33.7	29.3
France[c,d]	38.1	33.2	35.8	36.3
West Germany[c,d]	80.7	76.9	69.6	71.3
East Germany	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2
Austria[c,d]	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.8
Czechoslovakia	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8
Hungary	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	22.2	18.1	16.8	15.9
Finland[c]	4.7	5.1	3.8	3.8
Estonia	...	(*)	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	3.6	4.9	1.6	3.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0.9	1.7	2.8	1.9
Azores	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	8.3	7.2	6.0	7.0
Portugal[c,d]	5.2	4.8	3.5	3.5
Gibraltar[b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo[2,b]	(*)	(*)	0.5	0.1
Italy[c,d]	37.5	33.0	28.6	31.3
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	4.3	5.2	5.1	3.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	2.3	3.5	3.2	3.9
Rumania	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	14.4	4.4	8.8	6.2
Cyprus[2,b]	0.2	(*)	...	...
Asia	265.9	241.9	208.0	215.2
Syrian Arab Republic[3]	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4
Lebanon	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	0.9	0.2	2.1	2.5
Iran (Persia)	8.8	5.5	6.3	5.1
Israel	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.7
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	...	0.4	(*)
Kuwait[b]	6.5	6.9	11.0	9.1
Saudi Arabia	5.9	3.4	5.5	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	1.1	2.3	1.8	2.1
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.0
India[b]	22.0	26.9	22.1	21.0
Pakistan[b]	3.1	4.0	2.7	3.1
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	3.6	2.9	2.7	2.6
Burma[b]	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.1
Viet-Nam	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
Laos	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Cambodia	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
Federation of Malaya[b]	19.8	14.5	10.6	12.4
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	12.9	12.4	11.5	13.6
Republic of the Philippines	37.4	27.1	30.2	26.4
Macao (Macau)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	0.1	0.1	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3

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Continent and country[1]	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	(*)	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6
Hong Kong[b]	15.1	15.9	8.8	10.2
Taiwan (Formosa)	3.7	3.4	1.7	3.6
Japan	113.7	106.2	80.9	87.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.4
Australia and Oceania	27.2	29.2	24.7	26.7
Australia[b]	16.2	19.4	11.5	15.3
New Guinea[b]	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa[4,b]	10.7	9.7	13.0	10.8
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.3
French Pacific Islands	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(*)	...	0.1	0.2
Africa	67.8	85.8	60.7	55.8
Morocco	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.9
Algeria	1.3	0.4	(*)	(*)
Tunisia	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
Libya[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	2.6	5.8	2.2	2.9
Sudan	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Canary Islands	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	(*)	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon[5]	0.9	1.5	0.9	0.5
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.1
Western Africa, n.e.c.	4.0	3.5	2.9	3.0
Ghana[b]	5.9	10.5	7.8	6.2
Federation of Nigeria[6,b]	6.3	6.8	3.7	4.1
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[7,b]	1.4	2.7	0.8	0.4
Madeira Islands	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Angola	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.3
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.2
Liberia	2.0	3.2	1.9	2.7
Republic of the Congo	2.9	2.8	3.9	4.7
Somali Republic	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	5.4	4.7	4.2	2.6
French Somaliland	0.1	0.2	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	0.2	...	...	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika[8,b]	4.7	6.5	4.6	4.4
Mozambique	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.4
Malagasy Republic	0.8	2.9	1.4	1.1
Republic of South Africa[9,b]	22.7	27.0	19.8	17.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.6	1.5	2.1	0.9
Unidentified Continents[10]	1.5	0.7	...	0.3
Unidentified Countries[10]	1.5	0.7	...	0.3

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]"Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on imports from Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." [3]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). [4]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. [5]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. [6]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). [7]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. [8]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. [9]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. [10]Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments.